## **CLAIMS**

1. A compound of formula (I),

$$(CH_2)_s \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_n \xrightarrow{X} X \xrightarrow{R^1} (I)$$

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the N-oxide forms, the addition salts and the stereo-chemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

10 n is 0 or 1; s is 0 or 1;

X is -N= or -CR<sup>4</sup>=, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or taken together with R<sup>1</sup> may form a bivalent radical of formula -CH=CH-CH=CH-;

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Y is -N < or -CH <;

Q is –NH-, -O-, -C(O)-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- or -CHR<sup>5</sup>-, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino or haloindazolyl;

 $R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or thienyl;

 $R^2$  is hydrogen or taken together with  $R^3$  may form =0;

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R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or a radical selected from

- NR<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup> (a-1),  
-O-H (a-2),  
-O-R<sup>8</sup> (a-3),  
-S- R<sup>9</sup> (a-4), or  
—C
$$\equiv$$
N (a-5),

wherein

$$\begin{split} R^6 \text{ is -CHO, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, hydroxy} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkylcarbonyl,} \\ \text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}) \text{amino} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkylcarbonylamino} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl,} \end{split}$$

piperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, piperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, thienyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, pyrrolyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, or aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^7$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

 $R^8$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^9$  is di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

or R<sup>3</sup> is a group of formula

$$-(CH_2)_{t}-Z-$$
 (b-1),

wherein

t is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

HN 
$$R^{10}$$
 HN  $R^{10}$  HN  $R^{10}$  HN  $R^{10}$  HN  $R^{10}$  (c-4)

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$$R^{10}$$
  $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$ 

$$R^{11}$$
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 

wherein each  $R^{10}$  independently is hydrogen,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,

$$-C_{1-6}$$
alkanediyl $-N$ 
 $-C_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $N$ 
 $O$ 

 $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylamino, di(phenyl $C_{2\text{-}6}$ alkenyl), piperidinyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl,  $C_{3\text{-}10}$ cycloalkyl,  $C_{3\text{-}10}$ cycloalkyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy) $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, haloindazolyl, aryl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{2\text{-}6}$ alkenyl, morpholino,  $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinyl $C_{1\text{-}6}$ alkylamino;

each R<sup>11</sup> independently is hydrogen, hydroxy, piperidinyl or aryl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy;

- 5 with the proviso that 6-(cyclohexyl-1*H*-imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-3-methyl-2(1*H*)-quinoxalinone is not included.
- A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein X is -N= or -CH=; R¹ is C₁-6alkyl; R³ is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3) or (a-4) or a group of formula (b-1); R⁶ is di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyl or C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl; Rⁿ is hydrogen; R³ is di(C₁-6alkyl)aminoC₁-6alkyl; t is 0 or 2; Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-1), (c-5), (c-6), (c-8), (c-10), (c-12) or (c-13); each R¹⁰ independently is hydrogen, C₁-6alkyl, hydroxy, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkyl, C₁-6alkyloxyC₁-6alkylamino, morpholino, C₁-6alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC₁-6alkylamino; each R¹¹ independently is hydrogen or hydroxy; and aryl is phenyl.
  - 3. A compound according to claim 1 and 2 wherein n is 0; X is CH; Q is –NH-, -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>- or -CHR<sup>5</sup>-, wherein R<sup>5</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy, or arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; R<sup>1</sup> is C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl; R<sup>2</sup> is hydrogen; R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, hydroxy or a group of formula (b-1); t is 0; Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from (c-8) or (c-13); each R<sup>10</sup> independently is hydrogen; and aryl is phenyl.

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4. A compound according to claim 1, 2 and 3 wherein the compound is selected from compound No 7, compound No 2, compound No 1 and compound No 11.

5. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 4 for use as a medicine.

- 6. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 4.
- 5 7. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 6 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 4 are intimately mixed.
- 8. Use of a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a PARP mediated disorder, wherein the compound is a compound of formula (I)

$$(CH_2)_{s} \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \xrightarrow{X} \xrightarrow{R^1} (I)$$

the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

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X is -N= or -CR<sup>4</sup>=, wherein R<sup>4</sup> is hydrogen or taken together with R<sup>1</sup> may form a bivalent radical of formula -CH=CH-CH=CH-;

Y is 
$$-N < or -CH <$$
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Q is 
$$-NH$$
-,  $-O$ -,  $-C(O)$ -,  $-CH_2$ - $CH_2$ - or  $-CHR^5$ -, wherein  $R^5$  is hydrogen, hydroxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1-6}$ alkylamino or haloindazolyl;

30  $R^1$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl or thienyl;

 $R^2$  is hydrogen or taken together with  $R^3$  may form =0;

 $R^3\, is$  hydrogen,  $C_{1\text{--}6}alkyl$  or a radical selected from

- NR <sup>o</sup> R'	(a-1),
-О-Н	(a-2),
-O-R <sup>8</sup>	(a-3),
-S- R <sup>9</sup>	(a-4), or
—C≡N	(a-5),

wherein

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$$\begin{split} R^6 \text{ is -CHO, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, hydroxy} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkylcarbonyl,} \\ \text{di}(C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl}) \text{amino} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkylcarbonylamino} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl,} \\ \text{piperidinyl} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyl, piperidinyl} C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkylaminocarbonyl, } C_{1\text{-}6} \text{alkyloxy,} \end{split}$$

10  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, thienyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, pyrrolyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, or aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^7$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

 $R^8$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^9$  is di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

or R<sup>3</sup> is a group of formula

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-Z- (b-1),

wherein

t is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

$$R^{10}$$
  $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$   $R^{10}$ 

$$R^{11}$$
 $R^{10}$ 
 $R^{10}$ 

wherein each R<sup>10</sup> independently is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,

$$-C_{1-6}$$
alkanediyl $-N$ 
 $-C_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $N$ 
 $O$ 

C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(phenylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl), piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, haloindazolyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, morpholino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; each R<sup>11</sup> independently is hydrogen, hydroxy, piperidinyl or aryl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy.

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- 9. Use according to claim 8 of a PARP inhibitor of formula (I) for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of a PARP-1 mediated disorder
- 10. Use according to claim 8 and 9 wherein the treatment involves chemosensitization.

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- 11. Use according to claims 8 and 9 wherein the treatment involves radiosensitization.
- 12. A combination of a compound with a chemotherapeutic agent wherein said compound is a compound of formula (I)

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$$(CH_2)_{s} \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{n} \xrightarrow{X} \xrightarrow{X} R^1$$

$$(I)$$

the N-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

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s is 0 or 1;

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—C≡N

 $R^2$  is hydrogen or taken together with  $R^3$  may form =0;

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R<sup>3</sup> is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or a radical selected from

-  $NR^6R^7$  (a-1), -O-H (a-2), -O-R<sup>8</sup> (a-3), -S-  $R^9$  (a-4), or

wherein

 $R^6$  is –CHO,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, hydroxy $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl, di $(C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonylamino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,

(a-5),

- 20 piperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, piperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyloxy,  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, thienyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, pyrrolyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkylpiperidinyl, arylcarbonyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, arylcarbonylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, haloindozolylpiperidinyl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl, or aryl $C_{1-6}$ alkyl( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^7$  is hydrogen or  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;
- 25  $R^8$  is  $C_{1-6}$ alkyl,  $C_{1-6}$ alkylcarbonyl or di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and  $R^9$  is di( $C_{1-6}$ alkyl)amino $C_{1-6}$ alkyl;

or R<sup>3</sup> is a group of formula

$$-(CH_2)_t-Z-$$
 (b-1),

wherein

30 t is 0, 1 or 2;

Z is a heterocyclic ring system selected from

$$HN = R^{10} + N = R^{10} + R^{10} = R^{10} + R^{10} = R^{10} + R^{10} = R^{$$

5 wherein each R<sup>10</sup> independently is hydrogen, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aminocarbonyl, hydroxy,

$$-C_{1-6}$$
alkanediyl $-N$ 
 $-C_{1-6}$ alkanediyl $N$ 

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C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxyC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino, di(phenylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl), piperidinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkyl, C<sub>3-10</sub>cycloalkylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, aryloxy(hydroxy)C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, haloindazolyl, arylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, arylC<sub>2-6</sub>alkenyl, morpholino, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkylimidazolyl, or pyridinylC<sub>1-6</sub>alkylamino; each R<sup>11</sup> independently is hydrogen, hydroxy, piperidinyl or aryl;

aryl is phenyl or phenyl substituted with halo, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl or C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyloxy.

13. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by a) the hydrolysis of intermediates of formula (VIII), according to art-known methods, by submitting the intermediates of formula (VIII) to appropriate reagents, such as, tinchloride, acetic acid and hydrochloric acid, in the presence of a reaction inert solvent, e.g. tetrahydrofuran.

$$(CH_2)_s \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \xrightarrow{X} R^1$$

$$(VII I)$$

$$(I)$$

b) the cyclization of intermediates of formula (X), according to art-known cyclizing procedures into compounds of formula (I) wherein X is CH herein referred to as compounds of formula (I-j), preferably in the presence of a suitable Lewis Acid, e.g. aluminum chloride either neat or in a suitable solvent such as, for example, an aromatic hydrocarbon, e.g. benzene, chlorobenzene, methylbenzene and the like; halogenated hydrocarbons, e.g. trichloromethane, tetrachloromethane and the like; an ether, e.g. tetrahydrofuran, 1,4-dioxane and the like or mixtures of such solvents.

$$(CH_2)_{\overline{s}} \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \qquad O \qquad (CH_2)_{\overline{s}} \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \qquad (CH_2)_{\overline{s}} \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \qquad (I-j)$$

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c) the condensation of an appropriate ortho-benzenediamine of formula (XI) with an ester of formula (XII) into compounds of formula (I), wherein X is N and R<sup>2</sup> taken together with R<sup>3</sup> forms =O, herein referred to as compounds of formula (I-a-1), in the presence of a carboxylic acid, e.g. acetic acid and the like, a mineral acid such as, for example hydrochloric acid, sulfuric acid, or a sulfonic acid such as, for example, methanesulfonic acid, benzenesulfonic acid, 4-methylbenzenesulfonic acid and the like.

$$(CH_2)_{\overline{s}} \xrightarrow{R^2} (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \xrightarrow{NH_2} R^1 \xrightarrow{O} OR^{h} \xrightarrow{NH_2} R^2 (CH_2)_{\overline{n}} \xrightarrow{N} R^2$$

$$(XI) \qquad (XII) \qquad (I-i)$$

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